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ALEXANDRIA:

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 19, 1858.

A bill has been reported in the House of Delegates, from the Committee on Banks, changing the name of the Mineral Bank of Virginia, (to be located at Richmond) to the Bank of the Commonwealth; the minimum capital to be \$500,000, and the maximum \$2,000,000; any Bank of the State may subscribe for its stock to the extent of 5 per cent. of the capital of the subscribing Bank, provided the surplus of the subscribing Bank be not reduced below 5 per cent. and that every Bank so subscribing shall redeem its notes at the new Bank at a discount not exceeding one fourth of one per cent. This would constitute what is called a clearing house for the Banks of this State.

There are reports from Richmond that Gov. Wise, is far from "resting easy" under the Kansas resolutions passed by the Legislature, intended as a rebuke to his late Tammany letter. It is said, that, probably, he will make "an appeal to the people," in his own defence and in justification of his course. Letters, it is also said, have passed between him and Mr. Buchanan, and that Mr. Buchanan does not approve of the position assumed by Gov. Wise. Altogether the "harmony" is about as usual. Fortunately there is no election in the State coming on just at with the murder of John C. Haley, at the this time.

Mr. Seddon, in his speech at the Walker banquet in Richmond, said :-

"While the governments of Europe fillibustered, we trusted to the enterprise of Young America. He boped for the regeneration of Central America by the introduction of a higher order of civilization. He wished to see the time

When Walker's might and Walker's right, Would meet on Nicaraguan height

The parody of the prophecy in Guy Manering, is rather a step "from the sublime to the ridiculous." Walker, however, appears to have neither "might" nor "right"-certainly not a particle of the latter.

The first annual meeting of the American Colonization Society took place in the hall of the House of Representatives, on the 1st of January, 1818, when the principal address was delivered by the Hon. Bushrod Washington. On looking over the original list of thropic band remains-that is the venerable sition as Paymaster. General Walter Jones, of Washington city. The oldest vice-president now living is Gen. John H. Cocke, of Virginia; the next. Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer, also of the Old Dominion; next in order may be named the lion. Elisha Whittlesev of Ohio.

The government is again in funds to an amount ample for immediate purposes. The new treasury notes have been received from the hands of the engraver, who has executed them with great skill, representing upon their face admirable likenesses of the President and Secretary of the Treasury. It is found that the notes will be current at three per cent. interest, any bank being glad to take them on deposit at par, with the accumulated interest.

Robert A. Craig, a British subject at Pur ta Arenas, has demanded damages of the United States for losses su-tained by him in the seizure of Walker's expedition by Com. Paulding. He alleges that he rented to Gen. Walker a part of his premises, and that he had a large quantity of provisions in his warehouse belonging to Walker at a stipulated rate of storage per month for each package; and also that he advanced on the security of the provisions the sum of \$500.

The Annual Meeting of the American Colonization Society, will be held in Trinity Church, (Rev. Dr. Cummins's,) Washington, on this evening, the 19th instant, at 71 o'clock. Several distinguished gentlemen are expected to address the meeting. The public are invited to attend.

The Santa Fe Gazette contains a full ac count of the Gila expedition, which has been successful, having fully accomplished the merchant in Howard street, Baltimore, and end contemplated in its organization. Not only this, but it has resulted in obtaining information of a valuable portion of our territory which otherwise might have remained hidden from us for years to come.

Congress has been in session six weeks, and nothing practical, except the passage of the Treasury note bill, has yet been effected. The Constitution of Minnesota will be amongst the first subjects coming up for consideration, and that of Kansas will probably | held in \$1,500 bail. be submitted daring the week.

Uncle Sam paid off his employees in the navy yard, at Portsmouth, last week, with half dollars, all bright and silvery. A number of Jacks tars from the Saratoga were about too with plentiful supplies of the shining dust, carelessly tied up in their handker-

chiefs. Both branches of the Alabama Legislature have unaimously passed resolutions au-

with the Lecompton Constitution. The financial pressure, it is stated, has been very disastrous to the whaling interests. The North Pacific fleet the past season contained only about 650 vessels, 30 less than

in the preceding year. One of the best symptoms that has appeared of a revival of trade is in the resumption of work by cotton and woollen and oth-

er manufactories. The Farmers' Bank of Fincastle declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent., nett, held in Philadelphia with reference to this principal town of the Grand Duchy, contains on the 1st inst. It has paid to its stockhol- object.

ders 16 per cent. for the year 1857. on the 25th of October.

The House of Delegates passed, on Saturday, the bill from the Senate providing for filling vacancies in the office of Lieutenant Governor. The act as passed, amends the existing law in relation to the same subject so as cause it to read:

"A writ of election to fill a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or Commissioner of Public Works, shall | Philadelphia. be issued by the Governor, and returns of the Clerk's office of the several counties or corporations, and transmitted under seal to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the manner prescribed by law for the general election. From the returns so transmitted, the Governor shall ascertain what person is elected, and make proclamation of the fact, and also notify him in writing of his election.

"When there shall be a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General, during the session of the General Assembly, the General Assembly may, by the joint vote of both Houses fill pro tempore the vacancy in such office until said vacancy is

filled in the manner herein provided." The concurrence of the Senate is required in an immaterial amendment, adopted some days since, before the act became a law. As soon as this formality is gone through with, a joint resolution will probably be adopted fixing a day for the election of Lieutenant Governor by the General Assembly.

A letter to the Philadelphia Enquirer, from New York, says:-"A new mania is beginning to display itself among the fair dames of Gotham. It is, of course, an exotic, and consists in a violent desire for a "handkerchief," of which useful article every lady is forced to carry two-one for use in the pocket | 25th. -and the other for display in the hand. They are edged with lace. Price \$1,200 a the United States Commissioner for Indozen. To carry the more expensive article, boxes of pearl have been expressly invented. These are worth from \$50 to \$75. From these figures it will be seen that it will soon cost as much to keep a wife in handkerchiefs, as it does to keep the rest of the family in boots, buttons, and house rent.'

An application was made before Judge Meredith of Richmond, on Saturday, for the admission to bail of N. B. Dickinson, charged Fair Grounds, in October last. The applica- Co. The loan will be small but the precise tion was made on the ground that the health amount is not fixed. of the accused has been seriously impaired by confinement, and that prolonged incarnation may be attended with fatal consequences. These allegations were sustained by the evidence of two physicians, and by the physical appearance of the prisoner .--Judge Meredith, after a further hearing, admitted the accused to bail in the sum of \$20,000. The sureties on the bond were his four brothers.

Dr. William S. Woodside, the Master of Transportation of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who has, it is understood, been desirous of being relieved for some months cent. past, again tendered his resignation at the last meeting of the Board of Directors .--Much regret was expressed at this step by the Company, and the resignation was laid balf per cent., the last price to-lay being on the table without being accepted. It is exactly the same as that on the 1st of Jan. said that the Company is not likely to lose 1857. At the bank, notwithstanding the the services of Dr. Woodside, even should approach of the 4th, the demand for discount he vacate his present office, as it is designed is very light. In the open market the rate officers, it appears that but one of that philan- to reinstate him in his former reponsible pu- for the best bills ranges between 64@7 per

> gives the particulars of the total loss of ship Wallace, of Leith, Captain Cormea, and the dreadful sufferings of the crew, who remained on the wreck during a period of 11 days, without food or drink-except the body serious; but should be determine that the of a dog, and what water they could procure during the short intervals of rain. The details are horrible in the extreme, as related by six of the crew of the ill-fated vessel, who were brought on shore from the Clyne, and conveyed to the Sailor's Home.

The most interesting and affecting part of the trial of Smith, going on in Philadelphia, for the murder of Carter, was the evidence of Smith's sister, who is a young lady of intelligence and high character, and who gave an account of the demeanor of her brother upon being satisfied of the dishonor of his wife, and the name of the man who had ruined her and blasted forever his own peace and happiness.

that there is a renewed agitation amongst the savans of Paris, at the magnificent offer the Emperor again makes to Professor Agassiz, of the United States, to induce him to fill the two expeditions may be looked upon as enchair made vacant by M. de Orbigny, in the 'Museum au Jardin des Plantes." is one hundred thousand francs, and a seat

James J. Lawn, esq., died in Washington city on Friday night, while on a brief visit there, having left Baltimore only on Thursday. Mr. Lawn was a successful produce at the time of his death, was the President | defends the system which the French governof the Democratic City Convention of Baltimore, and a State director in the Baltimore the coast of Africa and carrying them to and Ohio Railroad Company.

A man named Ketchum, on whose premises, in Cincinnati, a carpet bag was found a few days ago, containing \$2,000 in counterfeit fives on the Central Bank, Frederick, Md., and York Bank, Pa., bas been held in \$1,000 bail. John Kelley, to whom it is alleged the carpet-bag belonged, was also

At the beginning of this month the old method of reckoning currency in Canada by pounds, shillings and pence was abolished, and the decimal system of this country supersedes it. Decimal coins will be coined to meet the requirements of the law. They will probably correspond in value with those of the United States.

Governor Hunt, of New York, has it in contemplation to write a continuation of the Political History of New York, commencing in the late elections, and will make moral vention if Congress refuse to admit Kansas with the adoption of the present state constitution. He has chosen a period which abounds in interesting material for the statesman and historian.

> The St. Louis Republican states that Captain J. L. Brent, Assistant Quartermuster in the U. S. Army, died at Leavenworth, Kansas, on the Wednesday preceding. Capt. Brent was a Virginian by birth, and has been connected with the service for nearly twenty-sight years.

Efforts are being made by the clergy to obtain an increase in the number of chaplains in the army and navy. A meeting is to be to regulate commerce. Aralda, which is the

A negro man, belonging to Major Ellis, of Fauquier, accidentally fell into the Basin, at Rev. Elijah Merchant, well known in and a pative of Virginia, died at Los Angelos, the country should look.—Petersburg Int.

South Merchant, well known in and the free probably kindled the fire, but says that he boy's story can be ascertained. drowned before assistance could reach him. prices having taken place.

Late Foreign News-(PER AMERICA.)

feldt. (who has recently married the Prince of Shalosky, in Paris, and suite;) Colone! Charles Burgthal, of Philadelphia, bearer of from Paris, and Mr. Allibone and family, of 37(@38s.

election, under such writ, shall be filed in the for Boston, at which port she was due on steady. Sunay night.

M. Blondeel has been appointed Belgian Minister to Washington.

The political news by this arrival is not of favorable. There was a continued growing export. ease in the English money market, but no reduction of the rate of interest by the bank had taken place.

The holidays had checked all kinds of business. Little or nothing had been done eince Thursday. The details of the Indian news by the over-

the dispatches from Trieste, reported by the North American.

were at Hong Kong. GREAT BRITAIN .- The British revenue returns for the year show a decrease in receipts for the last quarter of about £800,000 sterling, and a decrease on the year of about £1,800,000 sterling. This decrease principally arises from reduced taxation, although the commercial depression had a material in-

fluence towards the close of the year. The official programme of the ceremonies to be observed on the marriage of the princess royal appears in the Court Circular .-The welling isdefinitely fixed for January

The London Times reviews the report of dian Affairs, and endorses the policy which looks to the civilization of the Indians in America. In London, on the 30th, there was a slight-

a more extensive inquiry sprung up for silrenew the drain to the East.

The terms of a loan proposed to be raised by the Norwegian government are understood to have been arranged with Baring &

On Thursday some little disappointment was felt that a further reduction in the rate of discount was not made by the Bank of England, but it was supposed that the measure was postponed until after the payment of the January dividends, and there was only a slight demand for money at the bank. No new failures had occurred, and the

year closed more favorably than was antic. pated. The West India mail steamer had arrived

with over \$1,000 000 in specie. The joint stock banks have reduced their rate of allowance on deposits to four per

LONDON, SATURDAY .- The Times' city article, says: The year has commenced favorably in all stock markets and consols have experienced a further improvement of nearly a

OPERATIONS AGAINST CANTON .- By the pre-The Liverpool Post of the 24th December, sent time, probably, Canton has been attacked and captured. It has been determined to make the dispute entirely local. Should the Emperor answer the capture of Canton by the expulsion of the English traders from Shanghai, then, indeed, matters will grow Canton Governor and mob have been justly punished, it is possible that hostilities may be confined to the operations which were to be commenced in the south. The British force scems to be sufficient for the purpose of retribution at Canton. "In a few days," save our correspondent, "we may reasonably expect to have 700 guns and 7,000 men in these waters. Of the latter we shall be able, probably, to land 4,000." The "blue jackets" were being drilled for service on land. We learn that the French have also determined to resort to hostilities agains the Chinese .-It should be understood beforehand that such a union is by no means analogous to the combined operations in the Crimea.

There is no military convention. Baron Gros has with him a naval force, from which he can land 600 seamen. He has therefore resolved to join in the operations M. Gaillardet, in a letter from Paris, says against Canton. Thus we shall have the singular spectacle of two nations simultaneously prosecuting hostilities against the same eople on different grounds, and without any formal convention or alliance. In fact, the tirely separate. It is well understood that The offer | the Americans are to retain their position of

looking on. THE LEVIATHAN .- The process of working down towards the water will be formally commenced for the sixth time to-day or Monday. No less than eleven presses are fixed against the aft cradle and ten against the forward one. One of the former is of

enormous strength and dimensions. FRANCE .- The Paris Constitutional boldly ment has adopted, of purchasing negroes on compulsory service in the French Antilles, and argues that in no other manner can prosperity be restored to them, and ridicules the opposition of English philanthropists. Howver, a dispatch from Paris says there is no doubt that the Empeor will not renew the contract for supplying the French colonies

with negroes. Mr. Carroll Spence, United States Minister at Constantinople, arrived in Paris on

the 28th The French government had recognized the charge d'affaires of Buenos Ayres, thereby disposing of the reports current of hostile feeling on the part of France towards Buenos Avres.

On the 31st the plenipotentiaries proceeded to a ratification of the treaty relative to the new frontier of Besarabia. The emperor had been unwell, but had re-

covered. SARDINIA -The Sardinian Parliament is

Spain .- A letter from Spain says that it ap ears certain that the Spanish government will consider the mediation of England and France in the Mexican affair as broken off, if Mexico does not accept its conditions .-In consequence of this resolution preparations are being actively made both in the Spanish ports and Cuba for an expedition

against Mexico. PRUSSIA .- A Berlin letter says that the American crisis caused such serious effects on the commerce of Thurengen that the government of Weimar thought it necessary to convoke an extraordinary session of the Diet a great number of stocking weaving estatlishments, the productions of which are exported to the United States via Hamburg.

COMMERCIAL -The advices from Manches-

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.-Messrs. Among the passengers by the America are Richardson, Spence & Co. report no regular Madame Lola Montez, Countess of Lands market for breadstuffs since the departure of the North American. Flour duil-Western Canal 23(a,24s.; Philadelphia and Baltimore 24@25s. Wheat quiet but firm-red 6s. 3d. (a)7s., and 7s. for choice: white 6(a8s .dispatches for the United States government Corn dull-mixed and yellow 33s. 6d.; white

Iron Market .- Messrs. Baring & Bros. report iron firm, with a better deman l, at The America brings \$9,615 in in specie £6 for rails and bars. Breadstuffs quiet but

Liverpool Cotton Market .- The Brokers' Circular says the sales for the week, which, however, only comprehend four days, owing to the holidays, were 40,000 bales, inan important nature. Financially it is quite cluding 5,500 on speculation, and 2,000 for

An advance of 11 on the week had taken day were 10,000 bales, of which 2,000 were maket closing buoyant and a strong tendency upward, with an active demand at the following quotations: Fair Orleans 681; Midland mail contain little news in addition to diing Orleans 61 f; Fair Mobile 67-16d; Middling Mob le 64 : Fair Uplands 6 1-16d: Middling Uplanus 6d.

> which 199,000 were American. The actual stock was steadily in excess of the estimat . The London Money Market was slightly easier, discounts being freely effected at 7(a) 8 per cent. Consols for account closed at 941 @94g. The bullion in the Bank of England had increased £701,600. Messrs. Baring Bros., quote dollars nominal at 5s &d;

eagles 76: 21d. American Securities-Messrs. Baring Bros. report business limited at previous rates .-Messrs. Bell & Co., report an improved demand and all descriptions slightly advanced. United State 6's of 1867-8 and do. 6's. bonds of 1868, 101(a103; Maryland bonds, 88(a90; Mass schusetts 5's bonds, 78(a.80; Virginia 5's, 1888, 78(a)80; Illinois Central Railroad shares, discount, 5(a)7 ly increased demend for money to meet the requirements at the end of the year, and also and 1869, 84(286; do. shares, 55(2)66; New York Central Railroad shares, ver to export to India, which gave rise to an 6's, 80@82; do. 7's, 90@92; Erie Railroad perfect in the important matter of acoustics. courses, in order to find out the local cause the resistance and wearing out the tire. impression that a reduction of discount would stock, discount, 15(a 18; do. 7's, convertibles, 40@42; do. sinking tund, 40@45; Pennsylvania Central, first mortgage, 79(a)81.

The London paper reports the following business on the 31st:-Illinois Central Ruilroad shares at 4(a,5(a,8 discount; New York Central Railroad shares, 707

The Walker Excitement Dying Out. The spasmodic effort of the Fillibusters of the South to manufacture public opinion in behalf of General Walker, has proven an abortion. The movers of the resolutions in his behalf, and condemnatory of Commodore Paulding's course, in our Legislature, have grown so ashamed of their own course that they permit their darling resolutions t sleep, unnoticed and unhonored, in the conjused mass of worthless papers upon the Cierk's table. Simultaneous with the introduction of those resolutions, indignation meetings for Petersburg and other cities were gotten up and attended by the wire workers, manu acturers of public sentiment; and flaming preambles and resolutions were adopted. But the whole affair, from the beginning in Washington to the meeting in New Orleans, brilliantly successful as it was intenued and wished for, has turned out supremely ridiculous. The sound, sober sense of the people has entirely too much respect for national bonor and the dictates of national honesty, and withai 100 much intelligence and self-respect, to be driven into the support, in any degree, of one whose course has exhibited neither respect for himself as others; much less are they willing to enter a condemnatory protest against the conduct of Commander Paulding who, whatever error of judgment he may have committed, was no doubt actuated by the best of motives and a sincere regard for the integrity of the people whose flag he bore .- Charlottes

The Robertson Case at Rochester. ROCHESTER, Jan 15 .- The prosecution in the case of John B. Robertson, who was arrested for an attempt to poison his wife, restd their case this noon. Connsel opened the defence with a speech of an hour in which he gave the outline of the defence. They will try and show that young Dr. Biegler, backed by his father, was a conspirator against Robertson, and that his metice was to avoid the payment of \$2,500, loaned and expended on his father's trial last Spring. Several witnesses for the defence were examined this afternoon, and among them were Mrs. Robertson, the wife of the detendant, her two brothers and several neighbors and relations -all of whom testified to the good character of the defendant, and the happy domestic relations always existing between him and his wife. Mrs. R. swore that her married life had been the happiest part of her life, in every particular, and contradicted much of Biegler's evidence. At the conclusion of her examination the Court adjourn-

ed till to-morrow morning. Tremendons Storm at New Orleans. New Orleans, Jan. 15 .- A sudden storm of wind came up this atternoon, accompanied by rain, which amounted to nearly a hur-

Fifteen ships broke from their morings, and were considerably damaged. The C. E. Pennell, of Bath, and the Ellen Stewart were badly injured. Several houses were unroofed and otherwise more or less injured. The lake end of the Ponchartain Railread is about balf destroyed. The damage to steamboats which the wind broke loose from their fastenings is immense. Chimneys were blown down and several lives were lost .-Many tow boats were also injured.

The storm lasted only half an hour. The storm blew down tences and injured many verandahs of houses in the city. It is not known whether it extended to the Gulf, but many fears are expressed in regard to its effects in that region, and that the damage is much greater than has yet been

Artzona.

Hon. John R. Bartlett United States Boundary Commissioner, has addressed a letter to Lieut. Mowry, Delegate from the new Territory of Arizona, upon the resources of this almost unknown region. Contrary to the in 1844, made President, and Fillmore reabout to deal with the clerical interference preconceived opinions of many, Mr. Barrlett gives his opinion that the Territory has great agricultural as well as mineral resources, and that it contains all the elements of a thriving State. The peculiar position of Arizona, with a frontier of six bundred miles on the south, populated by a mixed Spanish and Mexican race, its isolation, and its wonful resources, all make it a subject of interest, especially to that class of our population who, with restless activity, are constantly desiring new homes, and who yearly move westward in search of them.

The Responsibility. The South Side Democrat, warmly in favor of Walker, and violently opposed to

The Capitol at Washington. This grandly designed structure has had the additional wings attached to it, and a sembled in Richmond, was, that they were Dominion, the editor of the Richmond Exlofty dome is now surmounting the place of discussing the conduct of Com. Paulding! aminer submits the following very interesting the old one, and is to be elevated three hun- This is melancholy !

dred feet above the base of the building, while its summit will be crowned by a beautiful personification of Freedom, to be execubrated sculptor Crawford.

The wings of the building are about to receive their pediments, and, fortunately, Crawford's sculpture for one of them is completed and at Washington. A pair of bronze doore, by the same artist, will grace one of the grand entrances, and Rogers's doors illustrating the history of Columbus, will occupy the other; a third pair of doors will place on all qualities. The sales of Thurs- probably fill the centre entrance. It is to the honor of America that the exquisite on speculation, and 1,000 for export, the adornment of bronze artistic doors are again brought into requisition for the first time since the days of Lorenzo, Gniberti, and John of Bologna.

The interior of the wings have well formed rooms for pictorial decoration, with vauited callings, in which freecoes may be seen The U.S. steam frigates Minnesota and San Jacinto, and the sloop-of-war Portsmouth, the end of the year shows 400,000 bales, of cultural Committee Room, for example, has the appropriate subjects of Cincinnatus and Putnam, each leaving the plough for the sword and service of their country. The War department is decorated with frescoes of the battle of L xington and death of Gen. Worcester. These are the second real frescoes painted in the United States. The frescoes of the Capitol are by Sig. Bromidi, and very effective at a distance, and possess delieacy of tint. He has been ably assisted in the ornamental part by Mr. Leslie and others. piece of art it is to adorn; and the hail must

ted in highly finished frescoes, will occupy the present empty panels, which now injure the effect of the ball. When completed, the eye will be attracted by the inspiring patricic subjects displayed around the walls and the now gorgeous ceiling will then take its that they are good for something that we can proper place as secondary to art, and the furnish, we find in the following item: whole be harmonized .- Nat. Int.

The track-laying will then go on from each | acres of ground." end, and there is hardly a doubt but that the ompany have kindly offered to loan enough is to import cloth. - Washington States. to supply any temporary want.

THE WORK BEGUN .- The force of Massrs King & Field, Contractors on the Virginia and Kentucky Railroad, started this week for the scene of their labors, at Clinch River. We learn that other parties have already broken ground on the road, and the pros peet is that this important work will now be vigorously pushed forward.—Bristol News.

The Weather Eastward. The Nantucket Enquirer, of the 15th,

The weather is mild and springlike, and several species of early flowers have been of reckless, bold, and dare-devil spirits, who into extensive use, like all paper current found in bloom. A year ago we had served seemed in their native element only when It cost nothing, and was issued ad tum out half a sentence of one month's imprison- the storm was highest, and howled through When the empire had been flooded wi ment. No fear may be apprehended for a the rigging with most terrific violence, is to the Government repudiated the whole one winter, at any rate.

The New Bedford Mercury says: On Wednesday last, January 12, a cornfield was plowed near this city, the soil perfeetly pliable and the plowing as easy as in the best season. Pausies are still in bloss sidering the grade of society from which silver, to save them the trouble of ha som, and the buds of the cherry tree have started a little in some exposures.

University of Virginia. Hon. Henry Winter Davis, of Baltimore, has accepted the invitation of the Literary to be." Societies of the University to address them at

the close of the session. Mr. Kosciusko Kemper, of Orange, has been elected Anniversary Orator of the Jeffer- Republic. The recent revolutionary proson Society of the University, to address them on the 13th April pext.

sion. - Charlottesville Adv.

Condemning one's Seif. The N. Y. "Courier's" Washington corres-

"At a recent Republican caucus it was resolved, upon the advice of Gov. Seward not live power, seems to be imminent. to agitate the Slavery question, but attend to legislation.

Good advice for Albany, as well as for Washington! If Mr. Seward had attended of the time, would have been in power-Clay elected .-- N. Y. Exp.

Slight Shock of an Earthquake. LOCKPORT, N. Y. Jan. 16 - Weather cloudy 40. Last night, about half-past eleven of parts of the town, and woke several from surance on these.

their sleep. Suspected Case of Kidnapping. A man named Rower has got himself into

trouble at Richmond, Va., on a serious charge, It is alleged that he sold in that city a free colored boy from Maryland, named Wm. and upon examination it was discovered that Com. Paulding's proceedings, says: "it is Brown, for \$300. The dispatch says that the incendiary by using a long stick under bacon is now selling in Baltimore constrained to think that Secretary Toucy is Bowen claims to have purchased the lad from the door had scraped together a pile of shave much cheaper than buying hogs a as much, if not more, to blame than either a man named Owens, of Baltimore county. ings, to kindle which he had used a quantity of or all of the naval officers implicated to these. The boy, however, says that his mother, Eldisgraceful : receedings." According to the za Brown, who is free resides in Baltimore mained was a letter to Richard Mayberry, Jacksonian theory, the President is responsible city, and that she appronticed him to Chs. from his wife. Mayberry, who is a "fire runble for the acts of his Secretaries. Mr. Riddle, of Baltimore county. Bowen is held ner," was arrested, and acknowledged that he

Legislature of Virginia. The last we heard from our Lesiglators, as-

When we look to Washington, we expect to see the Representatives of the nation investigating an illegal and outrageous act of ebrated Virginia Convention of 1829-30, are ted in bronze frem a model by the late cele. Richmond, we expect to see the representafor the good of our old Commonwealth, which now, more than at any period of her history, calls for Levislative relief. Our people are groaning under heavy taxa-

tion to keep up the credit of their State. Our public improvements are languishing for want of aid, and our merchants are sinktimes of prosperity, is ruinous in a crisis like Legislators to be wasting the precious time earthly use?

curse of the Old Dominion? Cannot the twenty-four districts, ball the members repress of Virginia discuss the action of Paul- main; in several again but a single one; and ding, as well as the Legislature? Cannot in a few not one is left of the associates we trust our Delegates and Senators in Congress to faithfully represent Virginia upon this question? Let us at least wait until they have acted in this matter, and if they mis-represent us, then let Virginia enter her protest .- Norfolk Argus.

Polarization.

needle." is a subtle and mysterious agency. We were told the other day of an incident The Hall of Congress, though now occu- that occurred several years since to our effipied by its members, is far from completion, cient county Surveyor, Mr. Barnett, which but bids fair to be one of the grandest balls proves that there are local magnetic attracof modern times, if the conception of the tions in this region that seriously effect the projector is only carried into execution .- reliability of the compass needle. Whilst (a.98; Pennsylvania 5's, 71(a.73; Pennsylvania 5's, bonds, 80(a.82; Vuginia 6's 1866, ing a splendid frame without the master-ginbotham's beirs, and as he approached the top of Carter's mountain, just back of Dr. therefore be considered as to what it will be Randolph's, Mr. Barnett observed a remarkrather than what it is. The style is Italian able and extensive deflection of the needle of the 16th century; its dimensions are from what he imagined to be the true Northlarge and ample, and so constructed as to be ern direction. After running a number of The ceiling is of iron, enriched with of the deflection, he at last reached a large by this cause, one of the wheels gets worn mouldings and ornaments gilded after the isolated dark-colored rock, just on the summanner of the old halls of Italy; the cornice mit of the mountain, at which point his necis very bold, with pendants of rather too die marked a deflection of 90 degrees from baroque a style. The panels, which are now the true line, thus having completely reversed painted in oil with a honeysuckle ornament, its proper direction. The rock doubtless conwill probably be replaced some future time tained a large amount of metallic character, drags, the sliding friction produced thereby by medallions of figures on blue and scarlet sufficient in extent to overcome entirely the gives a tendency to the car to place itself cross grounds, which would relieve admirably polar magnetism of the compass needle .against the fine gilded frame-work. The This is the first instance in our county light is made to descend from a that sky-light where the Surveyor has observed such seriof ground glass panels, ornamented with the our local magnetic influence; and but for armorial bearings of the States, and well his thorough knowledge of his business, he much as possible, a road through a rugget adapted for illuminating the body of the may have been led into serious mistakes in hall. The cycle of historical subjects, pain- his work of surveying .- Charlottesville Adv. axles have to be made unnecessarily strong

The Alpaca.

Since we noticed the importation of a lot of alpacas into this port, (says the New York Tribune,) we have been repeatedly asked, in the niches in paintings and sculpture, and "What are they good for?" The best proof

"The largest single manufacturing establishment in the world is now in operation at East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad. Saltaise, England, for the manufacture of The track-laying party commenced work cloth from the wool or hair of the alpaca again on Monday last, says the Bristol News, goat. The vastness of this great work will on the Eastern section of this road, and dur- be seen from the following statement which ing next week will finish the track to Hen- applies to only one department: The weaving derson's, within six miles of Greenville. It shed contains one thousand two hundred the consequent loss attending. Our northern is the intention of the President to have the | looms; the length of the shafting is nearly ten | exchanges are complaining of the same man cars run to Henderson's as soon as the track miles, and weighs between six and seven fortune, and from present appearances then is laid, relieving the traveller of five miles bundred tons; the steam engines required to is likely to be during the warm weather staging, and leaving but twenty-four miles work these shafts are equal to 1,250 horse- next summer a deprivation of the convenient to get over to reach the railroad at Buli's Gap. power; and the looms in one department are ces and luxuries which generally follow he contractor for grading on the section capacle of weaving thirty thousand yards, or full crop of this invaluable article. near Bull's Gap has put on a night gang, and nearly eighteen miles, of alpaca cloth every have full two months yet of winter to expe by working both night and day, hopes to day, and an aggregate length of 5,688 miles and it is but reasonable to suppose that have his work finished by the 1st of March. of cloth annually. The building covers six though the product may be scanty, and the

We cannot only raise the wool in this counentire gap will be filled in by the 1st of May. try but can cover six times six acres of Bad weather may delay the work beyond ground with machinery and steam-power to that time, but probably no other cause, as the | manufacture it, whenever the sovereign rulers | demand of last summer did not exhaust Company have a good quantity of iron en- of America discover that it would be far gaged, and the East Tennessee and Georgia better to manufacture our own wool than it ing the city have a fair quantity on hand-

> Discipline on Board a Man of War. An officer of the United States frigate Congress, which has just returned from a cruise | iety felt, and give us enough ice to of two and a half years, during which she has sailed 25,000 miles, writes to the Journal voutedly to be wished."—Balt. Pat. of Commerce, as follows:

"The new mode of discipline, without flogging, is producing a rapid and decided change in the character of seamen; and in says that according to Chinese hist almost every particular the change is of the one of the Chinese Emperors issued most desirable nature. There is, perhaps, money 119 B. C. called Fey-th-sian, o less promptness and energy in the move- ing Money, from the case and rapidle ments of some who formerly jumped to the ropes from fear of the "cats," and that class per promises of the Government, and some extent passing away. But there is those who had confided in the public rising in its place a self-respect and intelli- suffered the consequences. gent manliness, a reliable fidelity, a sympathy with their fellow-men, and a desire for their regard, which is full of promise. Con- receiving from the merchants their gold seamen ordinarily come, and the motives it, and issuing promises to return the which lead the great majority to seek the on demand. This currency was denoted service, it is surprising that the improve- Pian-th-stan, or convenient money, and ment in their character should have been as great as those most experienced declare it

Revolutionary Commotion in Mexico. The steamer Tennessee brings to us important and exciting news from the Mexican seedings at the capital have been most unfavorably received in many parts of the inte-Mr. J. Camp Turner, of Alabama, has rior. A large number of States have declar- low, then this unusual migration in been elected by the same Society, to read the ed violently against the new order of things. may serve as a sign of continued mild Declaration of Independence on that occa- Even some of the principal towns, and amongst them Vera Cruz, which at first pro- its of the wild-goose, that it flies south nounced in favor of it, have since repudated approach of cold weather in the bep it. A formidable military coalition is a !- of winter, and north again just in ready organizing against it; troops are in mo- of the warmer weather at the open tion in many parts of the Republic, and a spring. It is barely possible, however civil war, or another change in the Execu-

Destructive Fire. Lynchburg was visited by a destructive fire on Friday night, which resulted in the to it fifteen years past, the Whig Party, most loss of two large tobacco factories and the partial loss of another; together with their contents. They were the property of Mr. Wm. D. Miller, and the Messrs. Knight, situated on the Western turnpike. Mr. Miller's factory was a large brick house, which, with the fixtures and stock on hand, was enand raining. Thermometer now stands at tirely destroyed. There was an insurance of \$12,500 on it, we learn, but that amount clock, a slight vibration was felt, accompanied | fails to cover the loss. The other factories with a loud rumbling noise resembling the were frame buildings-one of which, with rolling of wheels over a pavement. It was its contents, was burnt, and the other heard by a number of persons in different materially damaged. There was no in-

Detection of an Incendiary.

On Sunday morning a carpenter's shop in Philadelphia, situated in the midst of a number of first class dwellings, was set on fire. The fire was put out without much damage, supply will naturally keep the pris loose paper. A part of the paper which re-

The Health of Virginia.

As an illustration of the health of the Old paragraph: Is the reader aware of the fact that some

thing like a third of the members of the celan officer of the Navy; but when we turn to still among us? We think we have not stated the number of survivors above what it tives there assembled, devoting every moment actually is; and when we consider that a of their time in endeavoring to do something | majority of that body had at that time reach ed the period of middle age, the fact must be regarded as worthy of remark. In reference to two of the districts, at least, threefourths of the representatives are yet living, Gen. Cabell, Col. Martin, and Col. Towner are still active and useful citizens of the Pittsylvania district, and the same remark ing under an oppression, which grievous in may be applied to General Gordon, Judge Thompson and Dr. Massie, of the Albemarla the present. Is this a time then for our district. Of the four representatives of the Metropolitan district, ex-President Tyler and of the people in passing resolutions and Judge Clopton are still living; the former in making Buncombe speeches, which are of no dignified and honorable retirement, the latter in active and useful service in the coun-How long are Federal politics to be the cils of the State. In several of the other of Madison, Marshall, Monroe, Randolph. Leigh, the Barbours, Johnson, Doddridge and Giles, in the Convention of 1829. The oldest surviving member of the Convention is probably Mr. Tazewell, who must have been nearly 60 years of age at that time. We ask the question of our cotemporaries of the press. if they can give as favorable an illustration The magnetic attraction of the "unerring of the health of any other State in the Union. Can you point to thirty-odd living men who belonged to a public body of binety-six members nearly thirty years ago?

> To Prevent Cars Running off the Track A German scientific journal contains some valuable hints on preventing cars from run ing off railroad tracks. Where the road forms a curve of 2000 feet diameter, the di ference between the length of the outer and the inner track is equal to five feet for every 1000 feet of road, when the gauge is fou feet, and nearly six feet to the 1000 for a six feet gauge. This difference causes the inner wheel to drag on the rail, thereby increasing out more than the other, its diameter will be smaller, and the motion of the car in a straight line will become dangerous from the same cause-the larger wheel causes the smaller one to drag. If one of the wheels wise on the track. It is dangerous, therefore to run at great speed, even on a curve of 20 feet diameter, and as this makes it necessar in building a railroad to avoid curves a or uneven country is very expensive. The as they have to sustain a twist from the same cause. An Austrain civil engineer under took to avoid this difficulty by putting the wheels on a separate axle each, uniting the two halves by different means; none of them. however, are found to answer the purpose and there is still wanted some cheap and simple plan to give each of the wheels at independent motion from the other, at making the whole strong enough and sal against accidents.

The Ice Crop.

Our ice-dealers are beginning to be also ed at the prospect of empty icc-houses an price, in consequence, high, we shall obenough for our absolute wants. In add we have been told that the crop obtains year by the dealers was so abundant that supply, and that many ice-houses surrous If this be so, we are not likely to suffer to the extent anticipated. A "cold snap" of a days would scarcely cause much suffer while it would be 'sufficient to allay the

Ancient Paper Money. A writer in Hunt's Merchants' Maga

At a later period, A. D. 950 another peror conceived the very plausible sale convenient it proved to be--for he Emi He got the money and squandered it never found it convenient to pay them

An Unusual Occurrence.

On Monday the 11th instant, two flocks of wild geese were seen flying East Hartford, on their way northwar If the flight of these birds has, at persons suppose, a connection with the ral character of the weather which is er. It is said, by those who watch the in the present case these geese have slight mistake, and that a cold snap we fen them before they really know whi them .- Hartford (Conn.) Times.

A Handsome Thing. The Senator from Petersburg did some thing on Tuesday, which publicly to acknowledge. We und he made a magnanimous and effect neal to his brother Democrats to acc Whig members of the Senate the of ty of examining the resolutions adthe Democratic caucus, and which a of the Democrats in both houses push through without a moment's Richmond Whig.

The Meat Panic.

The Danville News says: "We have just seen a gentleman fr timore, and he informs us that the ground for the prevailing meat pan says there are millions of pounds o market. It must find buyers, and the There is no danger of people per

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